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1. ACCORDING TO A WEST BERLIN JOURNALIST, GDR HAS ISSUED INSTRUCTIONS PROHIBITING GDR TRAVELLERS TO COUNTRIES NOT HAVING DIPLOMATIC OR CONSULAR REPRESENTATION IN EAST BERLIN FROM APPLYING FOR VISAS AT RESPECTIVE MISSIONS OR CONSULATES IN WEST BERLIN. RATHER, SUCH TRAVELLERS ARE TO ADDRESS THEMSELVES TO APPROPRIATE EMBASSIES OR CONSULATES IN THIRD COUNTRIES. HEADS OF NORWEGIAN AND AUSTRALIAN MILITARY MISSIONS ALSO TOLD US THAT PROSPECTIVE GDR TRAVELERS TO THEIR COUNTRIES NO LONGER COME TO WEST BERLIN BUT APPLY FOR VISAS RESPECTIVELY IN PRAGUE AND VIENNA. (BOTH NORWAY AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AUSTRALIA HAVE ESTABLISHED RELATIONS WITH GDR BUT HAVE NO OFFICES IN EAST BERLIN.)

2. REPORTED NEW GDR PRACTICE CONSISTENT WITH PREVIOUS GDR EFFORTS DENY COMPETENCE OF USBER FOR GDR (BERLIN 610 OF APRIL 10, 1972, BERLIN 1906 OF NOVEMBER 2, 1972). HOWEVER, SINCE GDR TRAVELLERS CONTINUE TO APPLY FOR U. S. VISAS HERE, IT APPEARS THAT GDR NOW PRIMARILY INTERESTED IN CUTTING OUT WEST BERLIN MISSIONS OF THOSE COUNTRIES THAT HAVE ESTABLISHED RELATIONS WITH GDR, AND IN THUS COUNTERING VARIOUS DISCLAIMERS RE STATUS OF BERLIN. KLEIN

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